



7th Assembly of Planners' Symposium Guam 2022
August 17 & 18, 2022, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Dusit Thani Resort Guam- Blended in-person and virtual

Creating spaces that empower communities through good design, sustainable development, economic vibrancy, and wise stewardship of our natural and cultural resources.

Day 1, Wednesday, August 17, 2022

8:00 am – 8:45 am	Registration
8:40 am – 8:45 am	Introductory remarks Edwin Reyes, Administrator, Guam Coastal Management Program Ginger Cruz, Mistress of Ceremony
8:45 am – 8:50 am	Welcome Remarks Lola Leon Guerrero, BSP Director
8:50 am – 9:15 am	Keynote Address Governor Lourdes Leon Guerrero Proclamation Presentation: 50 th Anniversary of the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA)
9:15 am – 9:45 am	Presentation: Understanding the Road Ahead: Preparing the Guåhan 2050 Sustainability Plan for Success.

Facilitator: Edwin Reyes, Administrator, GCMP

Presenters:

Jay Merrill, Market Research & Development, Inc.;

Dr. Charles Lester, Director, Ocean and Coastal Policy Center
Marine Science Institute, UC Santa Barbara;

Dr. Kelly Marsh-Taitano, Author Bill 167-35: Guåhan 2050
Sustainability Plan

This presentation will feature perspectives on catalytic planning functions that underscore the importance of preparation and the need to focus on readiness, as well as touch upon the importance of having a good policy and good data to drive the process. This talk will feature ways to overcome project planning challenges which include financing shortfalls as well as provide an overview of a community readiness survey and subject matter assessment that will inform BSP's approach to narrating the Guahan 2050 Sustainability Plan.

9:45 am – 10:00 am

BREAK

10:00 am – 11:00 am

Plenary Session:

Designing for Sustainability, Resiliency, and Community:
A Panel Discussion

The American Institute of Architects, Marinas Chapter

Panelists:

Renato O. Martinez, AIA, NCARB, LEED AP BD+C

Inna J. Wiese, AIA, LEED AP BD+C;

Joseph Pangelinan, Associate AIA, LEED AP BD+C

11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Plenary Session:

Guam Forests System Plan - Building a Strong Foundation to
Realize Conservation and Future Land Use Planning for Guam.

Facilitator: Edwin Reyes, Administrator, GCMP;

Panelists: Chelsa Muna-Brecht, Director DOAG;

Christine Fejeran, Forestry Division Chief DOAG;

Aline Yamashita, Ph.D.;

Christian Benitez, Guam Coastal Management Program

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

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1:00 pm – 1:20 pm

Presentation: Land Use Planning: Strategic Perspectives

Anita Borja Enriquez, D.B.A.; Chair, Guam Land Use Commission

1:20 pm – 2:20 pm

Plenary Session:

Watershed and Development Impacts

This plenary session will highlight the dynamics of watersheds and the importance of improving watershed health. Managing watersheds is key to improving Guam's water sources, rivers, streams, the aquifer, and marine environment. Participants will recognize that their actions on land can have a long-lasting impact on Guam's water sources and natural environment.

Facilitator: **Jesse Cruz**, Guam EPA, Environmental Monitoring and Analytical Services;

Panelists: **Evangeline Lujan**, Senior Regulatory Analyst, Guam Waterworks Authority; **Brian Bearden**, Chief Engineer/ Water Division Director, Guam EPA; **Austin J. Shelton III**, Ph.D. Director UOG Center for Island Sustainability; Director UOG Sea Grant; **Matt Giger**, Royal Investments Oceania/Guam Blue Ocean; **Representative**, Office of the Guam Attorney General

2:20 pm – 2:40 pm

BREAK

2:40 pm – 3:40 pm

Plenary Session:

Flood and Stormwater Mitigation

Hear from agency professionals on their plans and mandates to manage flooding from stormwater.

Facilitator: **Senator Sabina Perez**, 36th Guam Legislature

Panelists: **Brian Bearden**, Chief Engineer/ Water Division Director, Guam EPA; **Evangeline Lujan**, Senior Regulatory Analyst, Guam Waterworks Authority; **Joseph Borja**, Director, Department of Land Management; **Vince Arriola**, Director, Department of Public Works; **Ronald Obispo**, State Hazard Mitigation Officer, Guam Homeland Security

3:40 pm – 4:40 pm

Concurrent Break Out Sessions

(1) Grand Ballroom:

Guam Blue Ocean Opportunities and Linkages to Sustainable Development Targets

Presenter: **Matt Giger**, Royal Sustainable Investments Oceania

A presentation of Guam's economic future and image as a sustainable and modern eco-tourism international destination. Within a greater Master Plan for infrastructure and education

comes a foundation to develop water attractions and promote events through the guideline and lens of Blue Ocean Sustainability.

(2) Royal Ballroom A:

Guam Endangered Species Population and Abundance Update

**Presenter: Dr. G. Curt Fiedler, Professor, Biology Department
University of Guam**

Guam's Federally-Listed Tree Snails, and Butterflies: Background and Status: Guam has four terrestrial invertebrates protected by the Endangered Species Act (ESA). Three are tree snails, the fourth is the Marianas Eight Spot Butterfly. I will discuss current and future threats to these species and ideas for their conservation.

(3) Royal Ballroom B:

Federal Agency Activity? Federally Approved or Funded Activity? What you need to know about obtaining Federal Consistency.

Presenter: Julian Janssen, Guam Coastal Management Program

A presentation about obtaining Federal Consistency with the Guam Coastal Management Program. Federal consistency gives the Government of Guam a strong voice in federal agency decision-making for activities that may affect Guam's coastal uses or resources.

4:40 pm

Closing Remarks / End of Day One

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8:40 am – 9:00 am	Opening Remarks Lt. Governor Joshua F. Tenorio
9:00 am – 9:30 am	Presentation (Virtual) Smart Cities: Environmental Justice Presenter: Dorney Burgdorf According to the US Department of Energy, for far too long, communities of color and low-income communities have borne the brunt of pollution to the air, water, and soil they rely on to live and raise their families. The clean energy revolution must lift up

these communities that have been left behind, and make sure those who have suffered the most are the first to benefit.

9:30 am – 10:00 am

Presentation (Virtual)

Solid Waste Management Plan and the Zero Waste Master Plan

Presenter:

Cory Hinds, PE, Jacobs Solutions

Jacobs will provide an update on the preparation of the Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan (ISWMP) and the Zero Waste Master Plan (ZWMP).

10:00 am – 10:10 am

BREAK

10:10 am – 11:10 am

Plenary Session:

A Vision for Tourism in Guam:

Members of the board of the Guam Travel and Tourism Association (GTTA) will address what is needed today for the tourism industry to succeed and what is needed in the future for the sector to remain sustainable. The balance of economic growth and maintaining the environment, the kinds of infrastructure investment that will be needed, as well as what must happen at the village level will be discussed. Community design and the preservation of what makes Guam attractive to visitors will be key to the discussion.

Facilitator: **Jay Merrill**, Market Research & Development, Inc.

Panelists:

Steve Kasperbauer, GTTA Board Member;

Akihiro Tani, General Manager of the Pacific Underwater Observatories, Inc. dba: Fish Eye Marine Park;

Monte D. Mesa, General Manager, Guam Premier Outlets and the Tumon Sands Plaza

11:10 am – 12:10 pm

Plenary Session:

Factors Affecting Affordable Housing Opportunities for Guam's Families

Facilitator: **Matt Santos**, Deputy Director, Bureau of Statistics and Plans

Panelists:

Kathy Taitano, Chief Planner, Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority (GHURA);
Siska S. Hutapea, Founder and President of Cornerstone Valuation Guam, Inc.;
Ho Eun, Founder & Chairman, Core Tech
Mary Guerrero, Loan Administrator, Guam Housing Corporation

12:10 pm – 1:10 pm **GROUP PHOTO / LUNCH**

12:30 pm – 1:00 pm **Presentation:** Guam Power Authority Infrastructure Outlook

Presenter:
John Cruz, Jr., Assistant General Manager of Engineering & Technical Services, Guam Power Authority

1:10 pm – 2:10 pm **Presentation:** Integrating Effective Long-Term Planning Toward Infrastructure Funding Opportunities. Discussions on Military Expansion & Diversification Initiatives.

Presenter:
Tyrone Taitano, Infrastructure Coordinator, Office of Infrastructure Policy and Development

2:10 pm – 3:10 pm **Plenary Session:** Stewards of Guam's Heritage: Respecting our Lands, Mitigating our Impact.

Facilitator:
Patrick Lujan, State Historic Preservation Officer

Panelists:
John Salas, Regional Environmental Director (J45), Joint Region Marianas; **Michael Makio**; Chairman, Guam Historic Preservation Review Board (Historic Architect); **Joseph Borja**, Director, Department of Land Management; **John Mark Joseph**, State Archaeologist, Department of Parks & Recreation

3:10 pm – 3:50 pm **Plenary Session:** Perspectives in Planning for Economic Recovery of the Aquaculture Industry in Guam

Facilitator:
David P Crisostomo, Extension Associate II, Aquaculture

Panelists:

Frank Roberto, Biologist, Department of Agriculture;
Melvin Tabilas, Guam Economic Development Authority (GEDA)

3:50 pm – 4:00 pm

Evaluation and Closing Remarks / End of the 2022 Symposium